



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## NOAA Fisheries Announces a Commercial Trip Limit for Dolphin in the Atlantic

The final rule implementing Regulatory Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic (Regulatory Amendment 1) will publish in the *Federal Register* on **December 30, 2016** (81 FR 96388). The final rule becomes effective on January 30, 2017.

The final rule establishes a commercial trip limit for dolphin of 4,000 pounds whole weight after 75 percent of the commercial sector annual catch limit has been reached. The trip limit applies to dolphin caught commercially from Maine through the east coast of Florida. The trip limit remains in place until the end of the fishing year or until the entire commercial annual catch limit is met, whichever comes first. The purpose of the trip limit is to reduce the chance of an in-season closure of the dolphin commercial sector as a result of the annual catch limit being reached during the fishing year, and to reduce the severity of social and economic impacts caused by these closures.

For more information on Regulatory Amendment 1, please visit the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Website at:

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/s\\_atl/dw/2016/reg\\_am1/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/dw/2016/reg_am1/index.html).

An electronic version of the amendment and final rule is available at that Web site or from the e-rulemaking portal, [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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